

**Love Live & Learn**

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## Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

**This half-term's value is Forgiveness**

### **Headteacher's Message**

Dear all,

We have had an extremely busy week here at All Saints, punctuated with flash floods and very muddy roads!

This week has seen -

- The launch of My Happy Mind to the whole school and children have all had their first lessons and received their own journals. My Happy Mind will replace our current PSHE curriculum. It covers all of the mandatory Relationships and Health Education that you were consulted on when it became statutory in 2020. If anyone has any questions that are not covered on the parent's app, please get in touch.
- The Myhappymind parent's App is now available - please see Dojo for joining instructions.
- Swimming started for Years 1-5. Thank you for all arriving on time to get to the baths ASAP. It really is a big help.
- Our first LAC (Local Academy Council) took place yesterday in school. It was a very positive and productive meeting. Our next meeting will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, don't forget Emma Mears (Alfie and Jacob's mum) and Kate Jackson (Leo's mum) are your parent representatives.
- Finally, today there is a lovely atmosphere in school as the children are wearing their 'happy clothes' for Happy Clothes Day. The next one is THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH as I would like children in uniform for the Easter service on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

On Sunday, there is a Community service at Acton Trussell Community Centre at 11am. Our Worship Team have written prayers for it and there will be a visit from a member of the Air Ambulance. You are warmly invited to attend and enjoy homemade soup and cakes afterwards.

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The next four weeks of this half term are so busy with World Book Day (see further on in newsletter for details), Mother's Day service, Science Week, Red Nose Day, assessment week, Parents Evening and the Easter service!!

Lots of opportunities to **Love, Live and Learn.**

Please keep looking at Dojo for details and updates.

Have a super weekend, hopefully this sunshine will continue!

Mrs Scott



### **Prayer for the Week**

Father God protect us,  
Keep us safe each day.  
Jesus Christ be with us  
In our work and in our play.  
Holy Spirit guide us,  
Keep our hope and vision high.  
Give us faith, fun and friendship  
As we love, live, learn and fly.

Amen



### **Sparrows**

In Maths this half term Year 1 are focusing on place value within 50 and then moving on to length and height. In Year 2 we are continuing to work on multiplication and division. The Year 2 Sparrows have started to use the multiplication symbol in their Maths lessons this week and today they were confident enough to complete questions independently on TT Rockstars.

In English this half term our quality text is 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. This is a lovely book featuring an owl who learns about all the wonderful things that happen at night. In Year 1 we are focusing on pronouns and personal pronouns. In Year 2 we are consolidating previous learning on pronouns and personal pronouns as well as adding additional conjunctions to our vocabulary to use in compound sentences. In English we are working towards creating a fact file in Year 1 and a non-chronological report in Year 2.

In History we will be covering a unit called 'How was school different in the past?' They will be building on previous learning about our Victorian school by looking at historical similarities and differences. Children will be using a range of sources to recognise continuity between children's lives past and present.

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In Science children will be studying food chains to complete their learning of animals and their habitats and moving on to looking at Seasonal Change.

In Art, Sparrows will be exploring colour mixing using a range of tools and surfaces and creating paintings in the style of Clarice Cliff. (One of Mrs Scott's favourite artists!)

For RE, we will be completing the unit of Salvation by finding out why Easter matters to Christians.

In PE we are continuing with Gymnastics at Acton Trussell Community Centre. Please note - children who cannot tie laces really need Velcro trainers until they are competent with laces as this is causing issues each week trying to get knots out when we need to be on the bus!

In Computing, Sparrows are using Purple Mash to create animated story books.

Finally, in Music this half term we are completing the 'Zoo Time' unit of Charanga.



### **Doves**

In History this half term, Doves are answering the question - Why did the Roman's settle in Britain? They will be learning about the reaction of the Celts on the Romans invasion of Britain and learning how Romans changed life in Britain.

In Science, we will be looking at materials and in particular Rocks and soil.

In Art we will be completing a drawing unit where we will be developing an understanding of shading and drawing techniques.

In computing, Doves will be learning about animation through Purple Mash.

In French the children will be completing the unit Portraits.

In RE children will learning to answer the question - How do Christians remember Jesus' last supper? They will also be leading the Easter service in church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Finally, in PE Doves are completing a unit of tennis and will also have their weekly swimming lesson.

Please see Dojo pages for further details of Maths and English this half term.



### **Eagles**

Here is everything you need to know about the content we will be covering in Eagles this half term. Our Spring 2 topic is "Invade and Rule."

#### **English & Guided Reading**

Our new text is "Private Peaceful" by Michael Morpurgo, a classic novel set in World War I. Our fictional writing focus will be diary writing (in role) and our non-fiction writing will be linked to our history "World War I & II" topic. Our Grammar lessons will provide children with the development of skills to implement within their writing such as: complex sentences, subordinating conjunctions, relative clauses, colons, and semi-colons.

#### **Maths**

Year 5: Fractions, Multiplication and Division (Part 2) and Decimals & Percentages

Year 6: Fractions, Converting units and ratio. (Plus Beginning of SATS prep)

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## History

In History, we will be focusing on the impact of WWII on the people of Britain. The children will be investigating the causes of WW2; learning about the Battle of Britain; investigating the impact of the Blitz and evacuation on people's lives; and evaluating the effectiveness of primary sources.

## Science

Our focus this half term is "Materials, Mixtures and Separation" including exploring different types of mixtures and the different methods that can be used to separate them. The children will dissolve a range of substances, identify different solutions, and investigate how temperature affects the time taken to dissolve. The class will design and create a water filter, sieve soil, and evaporate solutions.

## Art

Craft and Design: Developing photography skills and techniques to design a range of creative photographic outcomes.

## Computing

In our computing lessons, we will be looking at all things spreadsheets! Learning how to create the formulas, use the programming effectively and create and represent data.

## PE

Tuesday: Year 5 & 6 Athletics

Wednesday: Year 5 (Only) swimming

Thursday: Year 6 (Only) Athletics

## RSE/ PHSE

This half term we are excited to launch our new "Happy Mind" scheme which will teach the children all about how their individual brains work and how this can impact their emotions, feelings and actions.

## Music

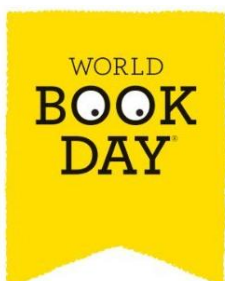
Year 5 will take part in weekly ukulele lessons on a Thursday morning. As a whole class we will be working through Charanga music progression.

## RE

Salvation: What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?

## French

Our latest topic is called "Then and Now."



World Book Day is approaching and we wanted to share our plans to celebrate.

We will have our dressing up day on Monday 4th March when our school theme for day is "Alice in Wonderland", although we are happy for children to come to school dressed as ANY book character of choice. If your child would prefer NOT to dress up, there is no pressure to come in wearing a costume. We also have a visitor coming in to speak to the children about an exciting sponsored readathon to launch the week.

On World Book Day itself (7th March) we have an exciting Enrichment Day planned where the children will be taking part in Alice in Wonderland themed activities. As this is a dance/PE style session, all children will need to wear PE kit and sensible shoes for health and safety reasons. Finally, throughout the week, the children will take part in Alice in Wonderland themed lessons for English, Art, Drama.

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As usual we will be celebrating Red Nose Day at All Saints on Friday 15th March.

The children will be encouraged to wear something red and we will be using 'BBC Comedy Classroom' to help us learn how to write some really funny jokes.

We will be having a competition where the School Council will judge the best joke at All Saints and attached is a link in case anyone wants some advice on how to create the perfect joke! We will post more information as we get closer to the 15th March.



We started exploring map skills this week. We imagined an aerial view of Bednall and drew our own map that included the school, playground, church, roads and field. We then compared our map drawings to google maps to see how accurate our perceptions were! We identified the different human (man-made) and physical (natural) features and discussed how these may change over time. Finally, we looked at different map symbols to see how many we could identify - we did pretty well!



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Please note that on Monday 26th February Mill Lane, the road off the A449 leading into Acton Trussell, will be closed from 9.30am until 3.30pm.

Hopefully this won't affect morning drop off but please bear it in mind when collecting children after school.



### **Mother's Day Service**

To be held in church on Friday 08<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm - all are welcome but especially Mums/Nans/Step Mums!



### **Parents evening**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - times to be confirmed



### **Easter Service and Family Picnic**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.15am

School finishes at 1pm

### **This Week's Think is .....**



If you could take a pill that meant you would never fail, would you?



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## Mrs Scott's Star Pupil Award

George G for amazing colour mixing and  
computing work this week

Romeo for a super first week back at school

(Certificates will be given out on Monday)

## Dojo Certificates

Eagles – Devon and Ruby

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07<sup>th</sup> March – Alice in Wonderland (Enrichment Day)  
 08<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Service at 2.30pm  
 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Easter Service and Family Picnic  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March – School closes for Easter at 1pm  
 02<sup>nd</sup> May – School shut for Local Elections  
 06<sup>th</sup> May – May Day bank Holiday  
 17<sup>th</sup> May – Positive Playground Games (Enrichment Day)  
 03<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset day  
 11<sup>th</sup> July – Inclusive Olympic Games (Enrichment Day)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset day



To help your messages get to the correct person, please refer to the list below:

School dinners, After School Club, Appointments & Absences - Mrs Stones (Office)

Learning or Behavioural Concerns - Class Teachers

Special Educational Needs – Mrs Mayhew

Breakfast Club - Mrs Stones

Please feel free to contact us by telephone, email or Dojo

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
at the Community Centre, Acton Trussell 11am

Come and join in this community service - find out what's happening in Acton and Bednall

- \* 'BATS' our local choir will be singing
- \* Hear about the wonderful work of Midlands Air Ambulance



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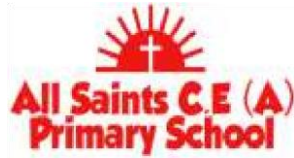
Hot soup, delicious cakes and refreshments will be served after service



All are welcome - please come along

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## **Spring Term 2024**

**Term Starts:** Monday 08<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset Day:** 09<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Term Ends:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 05<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

## **Summer Term 2024**

**Term starts:** Monday 08<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 06<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Inset Day:** Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

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